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Sunday 21st December – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Masses & Intentions for the Coming Week in St. Tierney's Church:

Sun 21st Dec:		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	10.30am:	Mass: For the People of the Parish. Month's Mind: Mark McGuigan, Tattinbar, Mullinahinch Road. Kathleen Hughes, Main Street, Roslea.
	6.00pm:	ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE.
Tues 23rd Dec:	9.30am:	Mass:
Wed 24th Dec:		CHRISTMAS EVE: THE NATIVITY OF THE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
	5.30pm:	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS.
Thurs 25th Dec:		CHRISTMAS DAY: THE NATIVITY OF THE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
	10.30am:	Mass: Month's Mind: Margaret Kelly, Eshnadarragh.
Sun 28th Dec:		FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH:
	10.30am:	Mass: For the People of the Parish. Jimmy & Eileen Flynn, the Flynn Family, Greaghverrin. Charlie & Mary Murray, Dernawilt East. John & Bridget Murray, Knockavea.

Masses & Intentions for the Coming Week in St. Mary's Church

Sat 20th Dec:		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	Vigil 6.00pm:	Mass: For the People of the Parish.
Wed 24th Dec:		CHRISTMAS EVE:
		No Mass Christmas Eve Morning.
	Vigil 7.30pm:	CHRISTMAS EVE: THE NATIVITY OF THE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: MASS.
Thurs 25th Dec:	9.00am:	CHRISTMAS DAY: THE NATIVITY OF THE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: MASS.
Sat 27th Dec:		THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH:
	Vigil 6.00pm:	Mass for the People of the Parish. Elizabeth & Patrick Hurson, Tyredigan and the Hurson & Corley Families. Kathleen & James McElwain and their daughter Mary Teresa, Main Street, Smithboro.

Joint Christmas Message of the Bishops of Clogher, Bishop Ian Ellis (Church of Ireland) & Bishop Larry Duffy. Their message dwells on the popularity of Christmas Tree Festivals, their styles and sizes. They say, *"Christmas tree lights in that sense shine out and direct us towards God. Equally we could see the lights as beginning at the top of the tree and cascading downwards reminding us that at Christmas the Light of the World, Jesus Christ came down to earth from heaven....."*

Through his coming to this world, God has indwelt our human life and lifted it above the dominion of darkness. Through that miracle he allows our lives to shine with the borrowed lights of love, joy and peace and making it a mirror of the beauties of a world unseen.....

Our prayer is that we may all make the presence of God more visible, like points of lights on a Christmas tree. As we look out on what at times is a world with much darkness, where war, disaster, suffering and hunger seem to have sway, our call is by prayer, word and action to strive earnestly for the kingdom of light to extend among us. Wishing everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas."

Christmas Celebration of God's Mercy led by Fr. John Chester on Sunday 21st December at 6pm in St. Tierney's Church, Roslea and 7pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Clones.

Recently Baptised: Cathair Kieran McAree was baptised last Saturday at St. Tierney's Church. Best wishes to Cathair and congratulations to his proud parents and family.

Recently Deceased: Phyllis Corley née King, Cornafaghey, Smithboro, wife of Brendan, mother of Ian, Russell & Adrian. **Emma Mackeral née McClean**, Latgallan, Clones, mother of two pupils at Scoil Mhuire, Gransha, killed in a road accident near Castleblayney on Thursday. **Francie Lynch**, Kibb. **James Brady**, Threemilehouse. *May the angels lead them into paradise.*

Contributions on 13th & 14th December 2025: Upkeep: £806.03 & €999, Loose Plate (basket): £173.67 & €264.50, Priests: £200 & €254, Sick & Retired Priests: £527 & €481, Christmas Dues: €50, Cathedral Fund: €32, John Paul II Lourdes 2026 Fund: €20, St. Tierney's Shrine, weekly: £46.34 & €50.09, St. Mary's Shrine, fortnightly: £9.76 & €178, Funeral Donation towards St. Tierney's Church Gallery & Graveyard: £10 & €210, ESB Pole on parish land: £12.50. *Thanks to all who contributed.*

Parish Envelopes: Distributors are requested to distribute them before Christmas. A heartfelt thanks to all distributors and donors!

Santa Christmas Party: *Smithborough Tidy Towns* is hosting Santa Claus in **Smithboro Community Hall** on **Sunday, 21st December**, from **3.00pm to 5.00pm** and you're invited. The event will include a Santa visit, disco, face painting and a selection box for each child. Entry is **€5 per child**, while ages **1 and under are free of charge**. Booking is essential, book online via facebook.com/smithboroughtidytowns or message 087 6577 142 or 086 1502 853

Rainbow Afterschool Club Winter Wonderland Sunday 21st December 4.00pm – 7.00pm at Brian's Bar & Lounge. Raffle & prizes, Santa, presents, carol singing, festive refreshments and Christmas crafts, £10 per child.

Roslea Heritage Centre are holding a coffee morning on **21st December** from 11.00am in aid of SOSAD and Woman's Aid Fermanagh. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Copies of the Draft Community Plan for Smithborough available: A copy of Monaghan County Council's draft Community Plan for Smithborough is available from St. Mary's Church, Magherarney to take home and read. Section 8 contains feedback pages, which may be completed, removed and returned to the feedback box located in Mace, Smithborough, please return feedback before **Wed 31st December**.

Sacred Heart Messenger: During December, please place your order for the Sacred Heart Messenger by returning the subscription envelope to the white box at the Baptistry of St. Tierney's Church, subscription of £25 or €30. Thank you.

Éire Óg Na Mullaí Quid Game: Tickets are now on sale for Éire Óg Na Mullaí's Quid Game fundraising event on Sunday 1 February in the Hillgrove Hotel. Tickets are €25 each and would make the perfect stocking filler this Christmas! To purchase, contact Grainne 086 1502 853. For more information on the event, visit facebook.com/eireog.namullai or instagram.com/eireognamullai

Jubilee Year of Hope – Bishop Larry Duffy will officially close the Jubilee Year of Hope in St Macartan's Cathedral on Sunday 28th December 2025 at 12.30pm. All welcome.

Clogher don Óige are accepting expressions of interest for young people (16yrs-18yrs) to travel to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage (03rd to 08th July 2026). **Closing date 23rd December 2025** at 12 noon. More information and online form at www.clogherdonoise.org

Oak HLC seeking new Volunteer Community Social Car drivers with the Centre. Please call 028 677 238 43 or email admin@oakhlc.com

Unmarked and Unclaimed Ground in St. Tierney's and St. Mary's Church Graveyards: Areas of unmarked ground in the graveyard are marked with a request for information as to any family or person with a claim to that ground granted by a previous parish priest to contact the parish office. Otherwise, the ground will be used.

Crocus Cancer Support Centre, Monaghan, warmly invites anyone who has lost a loved one to cancer to join our monthly support group — a safe space to share and grieve, to mourn and honour the heartbreak and experience the healing power of community. Please contact our office at 047 62565 to book your place. All Blood Donor Clinics are by appointment only.

If you want to drink that's your business. If you want to stop call alcoholics anonymous Belfast 028 90 351 222 OR Dublin 1 8420700.